

Absence of Ministers

MADAM SPEAKER.— The Minister for Co-operation is absent. The Revenue Minister is also absent.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.— The Government is behaving in an irresponsible manner. The chair must pull them up.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— The difficulty is the question hour has been completed within 40 or 45 minutes.

MADAM SPEAKER.— That is not my fault.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— I don't say it is your fault. But, normally it is expected that the question hour will take about an hour and the Hon'ble Ministers will be here at that time. Sri Hutchamasthy Gowda goes to the other House. Perhaps, he has gone there and I am also to go there.

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA.— The last item in the agenda is a non-controversial one and anybody can move it.

MADAM SPEAKER — I cannot do that.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ.— ಸಭೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಲಾಪಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ನಿನ್ನೆಯ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆಗ ಅವರು ಅದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಅವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಬದಲು ಬೇರೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಿ ಎಂದು, ಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಿಗಾಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕಾಗಲೀ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರೆ, ಏನಾದರೂ ಬೇರೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬಹುದಿತ್ತು. ಆದರೆ, ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳೂ ಹೀಗೆ ಮಾಡಬಾರದು. You should have arranged like that.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— Normally the question hour takes about an hour i. e., upto 2 P. M. The Hon'ble Ministers naturally will be under the impression that they can come five minutes to two O'clock or at 2 P. M. Unfortunately, what has happened, of course it is not the Hon'ble Speaker's mistake or your mistake, the question hour was closed within 45 Minutes. That is all the defect and on account of that, the situation has arisen.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.— Though the question hour is for one hour, from Monday onwards, we are finishing it within half an hour. Therefore, Hon'ble Ministers must come early.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.— There are other Hon'ble Ministers. They should have instructed other Hon'ble Ministers to move on their behalf.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— They did not expect that the question hour will be closed within 45 minutes.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.— Some times, questions will be over within half an hour. Is it not the duty of the Hon'ble Ministers to attend the Session?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is not the mistake of the Hon'ble Speaker or the Hon'ble Ministers or the Hon'ble Members of this side or the other side. It has so happened that the question hour has closed within 45 minutes.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Now the House stands adjourned for half an hour.

[MADAM SPEAKER in the Chair]

The House adjourned at Fifty-three Minutes Past One of the Clock and re-assembled at Ten Minutes Past Two of the Clock.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Co-operation).—I may kindly be pardoned, Madam Speaker, I thought that the Question Hour would go on for the full hour, and so I was in my chambers. I am really sorry that because of me the House had to be adjourned for some time. I request your excuse and I apologize to the House also.

KARNATAKA MONEY LENDERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1976.

Motion to Consider

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Co-operation).—I move :

“That the Karnataka Money Lenders (Amendment) Bill, 1976 be taken into consideration.”

MADAM SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

“That the Karnataka Money Lenders (Amendment) Bill, 1976 be taken into consideration.”

† SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—This is a very small measure. We have the Money Lenders Act which regulates the transaction of money Lending business. Under Section 5, no transaction can be done unless he holds a licence, and under Section 11, a little bit of laxity is there and the discretionary power is given to the Court. During the suits, if the plaintiff were to make an application to the Court that he would obtain a licence and produce it, the Court had, as it is, powers to give him time to get the licence. Now under the amending Bill before the House that power of staying the proceedings permitting him to take the licence is taken away. Further, an other clause, viz., Section 15 is introduced. Under the present Act, the Assistant Registrar who will be in charge of the area issued the license and there the job ends and he has no other powers under the Act either to check or to cease the documents or if any mal-practices are going on to take any action against the money lenders. Therefore,